

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

PROCLAMATION IN OBSERVANCE OF DELAWARE APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

Whereas, a workforce with appropriate skill levels to meet the changing demands of the new economy is needed in order to compete globally for new investment; and

Whereas, Delaware's economy has been expanding in recent years, showing the fastest rate of job growth in the region since the end of the Great Recession; and

Whereas, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), signed into law on July 22, 2014, provides Americans with increased access to training, education, and work-based learning experiences necessary to succeed in the labor market; and

Whereas, the registered apprenticeship model has been shown to be an effective way to develop crucial in-demand skills over a long period of time; and

Whereas, the Delaware Department of Labor has been working to expand the number of available apprenticeships in Delaware; and

Whereas, completion of an apprenticeship program leads to an industry recognized, nationally portable credential that certifies occupational proficiency and often leads to a more secure future.

Now, Therefore, We, John C. Carney, Governor, and Bethany A. Hall-Long, Lieutenant Governor, do hereby declare November 8th - 14th, 2020, as

DELAWARE APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

in the State of Delaware, and we urge all Delawareans to join recognizing the importance of a strong workforce and apprenticeship opportunities in Delaware.

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